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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 30 and 31 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement*

1. ACTION SPEAKS FASTER THAN VOICE: The word (Action) simply means to act, when you act it metamorphose into quick results, but when we deliberate and discuss, it is a sign of commitment, which we can discuss for a long period of time, with no basic conclusion that will yield a good and positive result. So I write this statement to say "ACTION SPEAKS FASTER THAN VOICE". So let us move from commitment to action of achieving positive results.

2. ACTION SPEAKS FASTER THAN VOICE: In part of the world, especially Sub-Sahara Africa, most leaders are committed to their nation's economic, social and environmental development, but they are often slow in their delivery skills, because they tend to keep deliberating and changing policies. For instance, they should be more proactive in some particular areas, such as health, the environment, social insecurity, the economic sector, climate change and natural disaster, instead of changing policies and deliberating on issues that are slowing down the growth of a nation. I propose action be taken to yield good results.

3. Quality Education: The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) should focus on quality education around the globe especially in developing and under-developed nations.

4. Health: In some developed, developing, and under-developed nations there are serious health issues ranging from Ebola virus, Zika virus, Dengue fever, H.I.V. Lassa fever and others. ECOSOC should focus on how to curb these issues before they get out of hand.

5. Climate change: Climate change is now affecting every country on every continent. It is disrupting national economies and affecting lives and costing people, communities and countries dearly today. Climate change is reshaping human civilization. How we respond today determines the future of our species.

6. Gender equality and women's empowerment: There should be gender equality across the globe and women and young girls should be empowered to be free independent women across the globe.

7. Provide access to justice for all: ECOSOC should focus on the judiciary system for obtaining justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels around the globe.

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